

Route and file

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Memo to File:

Re: Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc.
Hillside-Gizmo-Maybe-Bears
Ears-Vallejo Mines
Fry Canyon Area
San Juan County, Utah
ACT/037/015

A field inspection of this operation was performed by Ron Daniels, Mike Thompson and Jim Smith on March 1, 1978. They met with Mr. Dave Markley and Mr. Roger Smith of Energy Fuels Nuclear. Due to weather conditions only the Hillside Mine site was observed.

The discussion centered around the filing of full fledged mining and reclamation plans versus filing of declarations of exemption. Energy Fuels Nuclear asked about filing a single mining and reclamation plan for all their operations within the State and were told they couldn't due to the variability from one site to the other. Energy Fuels Nuclear then asked about filing a D.O.E. for each of the mines in the Fry Canyon Area. They were informed that the five (5) mines would be considered one single operation by the Division, with the two (2) acre exemption and the definition of an operation being explained to them.

The Hillside and Gizmo Mines are currently active and exceed the two (2) acre limitation with the roads being included. Energy Fuels Nuclear was told that roads were included as a part of the operation, and the Division was informed that the roads shown on the map were also used by other people to reach their mines and claims. Energy Fuels Nuclear was offered a hearing before the Board to present their case if they wished.

It was raining at the time of the visit and had been raining quite heavily for several days prior to the visit. Therefore, the roads were very sloppy and rutted. In fact we became mired in the mud during an unsuccessful attempt to see the operation in its entirety. The road adjacent to the Hillside pad had a drainage problem with water ponding on it.

Energy Fuels Nuclear set up a meeting with the Division in Salt Lake City for March 8th, 1978 to discuss their plans further.

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